

“High School 101”

Answering parents’ most frequently asked questions about high school

Question:

What are the goals and the vision for the high school?

Answer:

Our goal is for every student to graduate high school with a plan for what they will do after high school. No student should leave our building without a plan for their life!

Question:

Ok that is great about the high school. But what are the goals for our 9th grade students?

Answer:

Get off to a good start and get involved!!

If you could do high school all over again, what one thing would you change? (Senior Exit Survey Results)

- Involved in more school clubs/organizations: 17
- Tried harder during my 9th and 10th grade years: 12
- Tried harder/studied more (in general): 9
- Involved in more sports: 8
- Taken different classes: 7
- Wouldn't change anything: 5
- More involved during 9th grade: 4
- Attend more school events: 4
- Picked different friends/significant others: 4
- Organization: 4
- Other: 11

Question:

How many classes does my student need to take/pass in order to graduate?

Answer:

25 credits

One semester = .5 credits

One year = 1 credit

Students have 28 “chances” at credits

Muscatine High School Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH **4.0 Credits as follows:**
1.0 Credit English 9 or Honors
1.0 Credit English 10 or Pre AP
1.0 Credit English 11 or AP
1.0 Credit English 12 or AP

SOC. STUDIES **3.0 Credits as follows:**
1.0 Credit United States History or AP
1.0 Credit Social Studies Electives or AP
0.5 Credit Government or AP
0.5 Credit Economics or AP

SCIENCE **3.0 Credits**
Class of 2017:
1.0 Credit Physical Science
1.0 Credit Biology
1.0 Credit Other Science Elective
Class of 2018 and Beyond:
1.0 Credit Biology or Honors
1.0 Credit Chemistry, Honors, or AP
1.0 Credit Physics, or AP

MATH **3.0 Credits**
Class of 2017:
3.0 Credits Math
Class of 2018 and Beyond:
1.0 Credit Algebra I or Honors Geometry
1.0 Credit Geometry or Honors Alg II
1.0 Credit Alg II or Honors Pre Calculus

PHYS ED **2.0 Credits (1 course per year)**

ELECTIVES **10 Credits**

Question:

What is “Career Cruising?”

Answer:

Career Cruising is a computer program that all students 6-12 will begin using during the 2017-2018 school year. Career Cruising is a self-exploration and planning program that helps students explore their interests and passions, help determine possible career paths, and helps with academic planning - both for high school and for college.

Question:

What should I do if I have a concern about a teacher?

Answer:

Discuss your concern directly with the teacher and attempt to reach a solution. Only after you feel you have attempted to discuss your concern with the teacher and you have not been able to reach agreement, then you may contact a school administrator.

Question:

What - instructionally - should I expect from my child's teacher?

Answer:

1. Teachers should be clear on the learning goals of the class
2. Teachers should utilize ungraded “checkpoints” to check for understanding
3. Students who are struggling with a skill may be assigned/go to Enrichment
4. Students can re-take assessments during the same quarter
5. Homework should be completed at the given due date; however, students do have two weeks to turn in homework for a passing grade (60%)

Question:

How does the high school deal with bullying and harassment?

Answer:

Our school safety team immediately investigates all reports of bullying/harassment. Parents will always be notified with updates and (confidential) resolutions to these reports.

Question:

Who should I call when I need tell someone that my child will be absent?

Answer:

Will the absence be last minute/that day?

Call the school @ 563-263-6141

Will the absence be called in ahead of time (preferred)?

Call the district attendance secretary @ 563-263-7223

Or Email: attendance@mcsdonline.org

When in doubt, call 563-263-7223

Question:

What is the easiest way to keep tabs on my child's grades/attendance?

Answer:

Download the PowerSchool App!

(Take 3 minutes right now to download the app; show others around you how to do this if they need help)

Question:

How do I stay up to date with all of the important information from the high school?

Answer:

- 1.) School Website
- 2.) MHS Facebook
- 3.) MHS - R School Today (New)

Question:

I want to get involved but am not sure where to start. How can I get involved?

Answer:

Contact (call or text) Mike Morgan at 563-299-6372 and let him know you would like to be involved with the Muskie Booster Club